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SUBJECT: 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF FASCISM

1. HAVE RECEIVED INVITATION FOR MAY 5 TO ATTEND "SOIREE SOLENNELLE" CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEFEAT OF FASCISM. EVENING WILL BE UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE KISSIMA DOUKARA, AND INVITATION IS EXTENDED IN NAMES OF (IN ORDER) THE MALIAN VETERANS COMMITTEE, THE MALIAN - USSR FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION, THE MALIAN - GDR FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY, THE MALIAN PEACE MOVEMENT, AND THE SOVIET EMBASSY.

2. HAVE ALSO RECEIVED INVITATION FOR MAY 7 FROM EMBASSY OF GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC FOR RECEPTION AND FILM CELEBRATING SAME EVENT.

3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR MAZEYRAC HAS PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS THAT IF EVENTS ARE STRICTLY AND SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF COMMEMORATING DEFEAT OF NAZISM, HE SHOULD ATTEND. OTHERWISE HE IS TO BE REPRESENTED AT LOWER LEVEL. ALSO, HE IS TO CONCERT WITH US AND UK REPS (LATTER NOT REPRESENTED BAMAKO) AND TO NOT OFFEND FRG AMBASSADOR. WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT FRG AMBASSADOR. FRENCH AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, FEELS THAT MAY 5 EVENT GOES BEYOND CRITERIA FOR HIS ATTENDANCE, GIVEN MULTIPLICITY

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OF INVITING GROUPS, AND HE INTENDS TO SEND EITHER HIS MILITARY

ATTACHE OR DCM, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO STAND OSTENTATIOUSLY AT THE SIDE OF MALIAN VETERANS. HE FEELS SECOND, GDR EVENT, IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, AND DOES NOT INTEND TO BE REPRESENTED, SUBJECT TO HIS DISCUSSION WITH FRG AMBASSADOR, HOPEFULLY MONDAY MORNING.

4. I SHARE MAZEYRAC'S ASSESSMENT. UNLESS, THEREFOR, FRG AMBASSADOR HAS DIFFERENT VIEWS, I WOULD INTEND TO BE REPRESENTED AT MAY 5 AFFAIR BY DCM. AM AT A LOSS AS TO WHAT TO DO RE GDR RECEPTION MAY 7, AND WOULD PROPOSE TO BE GUIDED BY CONSENSUS ALLIANCE COLLEAGUES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHETHER FOREGOING COURSE OF ACTION ACCEPTABLE, OR WHAT OTHER PROCEDURES I SHOULD FOLLOW.

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